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Title: **WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX OPTICAL STAR COUPLER,
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert:

-- **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/386,297, filed August 31, 1999, which is based upon and claims benefit of priority of Japanese Patent Applications No. Hei-10-260823, filed on August 31, 1998, and No. Hei-11-193941, filed on July 8, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --